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[REDACTED] had a high opinion of the quality of the staff and the lack of sensationalism in reporting. I have just received a copy of the 20 Feb 53 issue of the Murnberg Zeitung which carried a very interesting story concerning the development of a strong naval base on the Island of Rugen. This story had a Berlin dateline and was said to have been written by a Zeitung staff reporter.

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[REDACTED] and I believe that the Berlin correspondent may be a stringer or a free lance writer rather than an actual member of the Zeitung staff. However, the Zeitung story states that Rugen has been developed into the largest naval base in the Western Baltic, and is one of the largest submarine bases confronting the West.

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The article reported that late in 1951, Soviet naval units came into the Jasmund Bodden, and began its development as a great submarine harbor. The work is still going on as of 1953 under the supervision of Soviet maritime police. The building union of Stralsund, a town on the mainland, is actually doing much of the work. Jasmund Bodden would be ideal for such purpose.

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The report from Berlin stated that it is estimated that three hundred submarines of the Soviet Baltic fleet will be headquartered at Rugen, and stated that the entire peninsula north of the Bay is now blocked for all civilian traffic.

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The story also stated that the Southeastern part of Rugen, the peninsula of "Mpenchgut", is now a rocket testing station affiliated with the large rocket center at Peenemunde.

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The Zeitung also reported that the North coastal strip at Rugen is full of radar stations and watch towers.

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7. General Chuiikov was reported to have visited the fortifications on Rugen within the past few months and to have inspected the combined training of a reported 30 thousand Soviet troops, and 10 thousand Eastern German Sea Peoples Police. The latter organization is reported to be subordinate to army group headquarters at Pasewalk (Pomerania), and is said to be trained by five hundred Soviet officers. They are dressed in Peoples Police uniforms but their insignia is that of the Soviet Army.
8. Also reported converted to military barracks are the very large sea baths which were built by Hitler for vacationists at Parow.
9. I saw these facilities in 1939. There were a number of buildings of four or five stories which were adequate to accommodate 20 thousand vacationers to be sent there through the "Strength Through Joy" movement of the Nazis.
10. These buildings are now being utilized as military barracks by East German Peoples Police.
11. Also reported is the fact that the highway from Binz-Parow has many underground garages for tanks.
12. A new Soviet airfield is reported to have been recently established at Dangarten, west of Stralsund. The new field is said to have several runways, three kilometers or more in length which are suitable for bombers.
13. The report also stated that some Soviet TU 12 bombers are now based on Rugen. This surprised me as during World War II there were no air bases on the Island of Rugen and in general it could be said that the terrain is not suitable for land based planes. /See [redacted] 25X1A2g
14. It has also been reported that there are numerous sites being erected at Rugen for launching of V-type rockets.
15. The article stated that the Baltic sea coast is being fortified so heavily that it is being called the "Red Gibraltar", and concluded that the installations are such that it appears they are primarily for offensive purposes.

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